



# NESDIS Data System Readiness

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# Near-real-time distribution of AIRS for NWP data assimilation

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## Goals:

- Provide AIRS/AMSU/HSB data and products to NWP centers in near-real-time - -- generally 3 hours from observation time.
- Demonstrate positive impact in NWP.
- Demonstrate processing and utilization of high spectral resolution infrared data in preparation for CrIS and IASI.



# Why NESDIS?

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- NASA processing does not meet NWP time requirements.
- NESDIS has well established customer relationships with NWP centers.
- Science team status – natural partners with NASA and JPL
- Science investigations are facilitated with full accessibility to AIRS data.



# Science Investigations

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- Data compression.
- Validate and improve radiative transfer calculations.
- Cloud detection and clearing.
- Channel selection (super channels).
- Validate and improve retrieval algorithms.
- Use MODIS to improve AIRS cloud detection
- Forecast impact studies
- Radiance vs retrieval assimilation trade-off studies
- Trace gas
- Surface emissivity

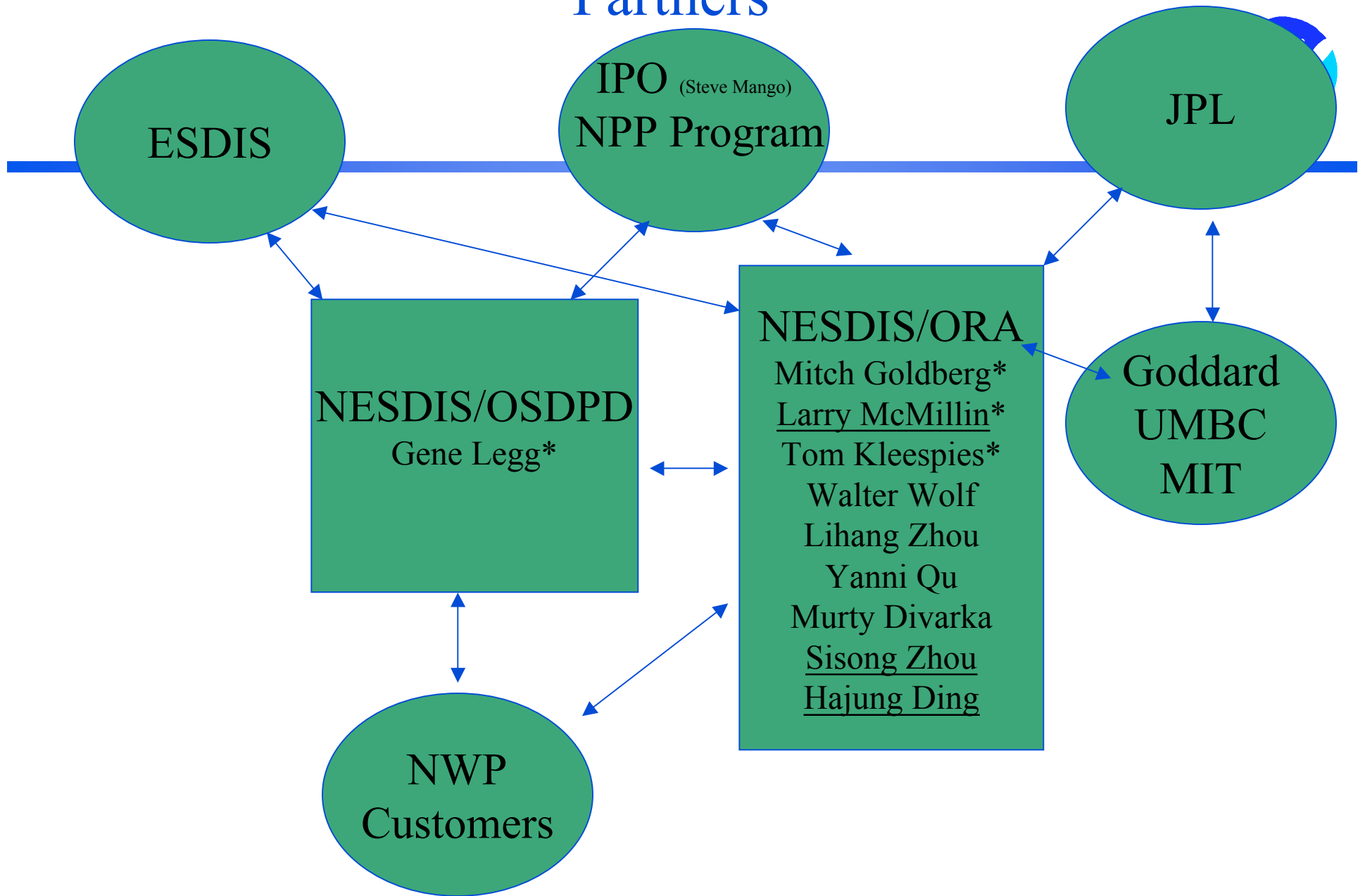


# NWP Users

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- NCEP
- ECMWF
- Met. Office
- Meteo-France
- Goddard DAO
- Meteor. Service of Canada
- Bureau of Meteorology Research Centre (Australia)

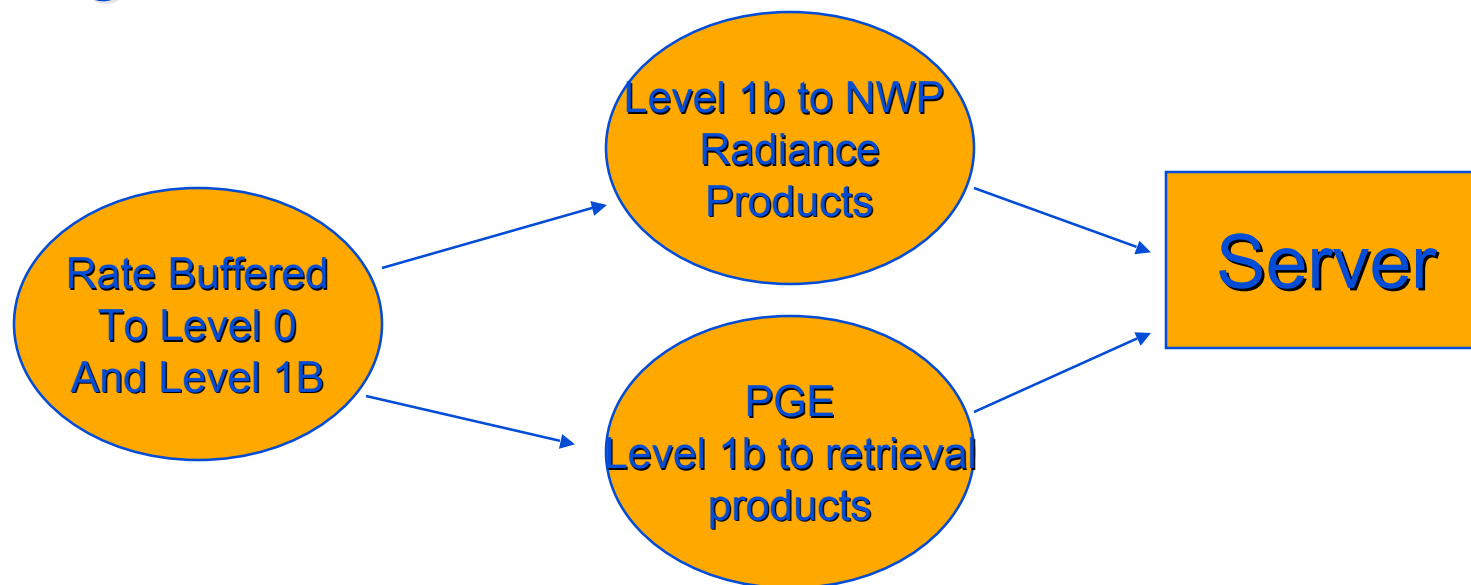
## Partners



# AIRS near real-time processing



- EOS data is received at Goddard
- NESDIS computers are located at Goddard
- Products are stored on a server at Goddard
- Users gets the data via FTP.





# Real Time Data Acquisition

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- Downlink Stations -- Fairbanks, Alaska and Svalbard, Norway
- EOSDIS -- Goddard Space Flight Center
- Data Processing Machine
- 1 to 2.5 hours for the data to be received at the processing machine





# Real Time Data Processing

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- Raw Data Packets (Rate Buffered Data)
- Convert Packets to Level 0 format (< 5 minutes)
- Level 0 to Level 1B -- JPL Code Approximately 20 minutes.
- Level 1B to deliverable products (< 5 minutes).

# NOAA EOS Processing System

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- Current -
- 32 CPU SGI Origin 2000 R10K
  - » 20 CPUs for AIRS
  - » 12 CPUs for MODIS
- 720 GB RAID
- O2 Control Console



# Hardware Upgrade

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- NASA NPP project has provided to NOAA 96 CPUs (SGI ORIGIN 3800 RS12K) for MODIS and AIRS processing. (64 MODIS ,32 for AIRS) 8 TB storage
- Server - SGI Origin 3200 dual processor - 6 TB
- 20 RS10K + 32 RS12K CPUs dedicated to AIRS
- At least 7 TB for AIRS



# NWP AIRS Products

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- Thinned Radiance files - BUFR and HDF
  - a) center of 3 x 3 from every other AMSU fov,  
~300 channels. + AMSU and HSB ( 8 mbytes per orbit)
  - b) 200 principal component scores using same thinning as a)
  - c) Every 2nd 3 x 3 AIRS fovs (~300 channels)  
plus all AMSU and HSB (all 3 x 3)
  - d) cloud cleared a) and b)
  - e) Full resolution AMSU and HSB
- \* all include cloud indicator
- Full resolution level 2 products – temperature, moisture and ozone.



# Deliverable AIRS BUFR Files

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- Originally based off TOVS BUFR Format
- One BUFR file per granule
- Center Field of View for every other golf ball
- 281 AIRS Infrared Channels, 4 AIRS Visible Channels, 20 Cloud Tests, 1 Cloud Flag, 15 AMSU Channels, and 4 HSB Channels
- Each file is approximately 520 KB



# Preparing for AIRS

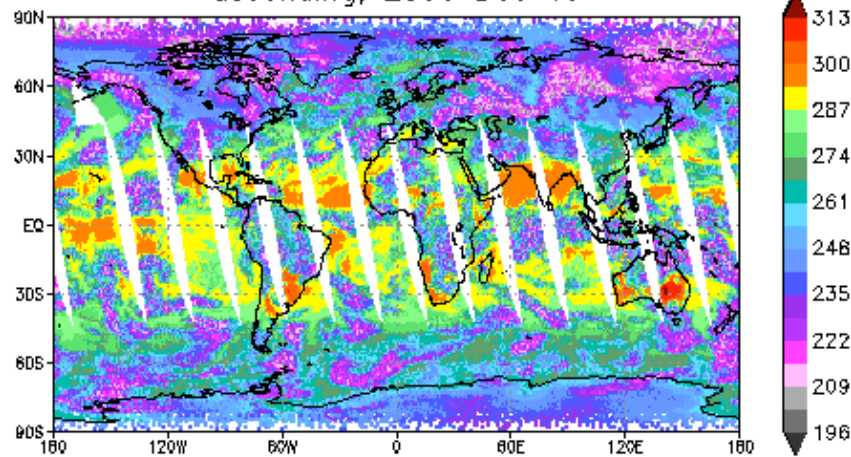
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- Simulating AIRS/AMSU-A/HSB data in real-time from the NCEP 6-hour forecast since April 2000.
- Deriving NRT level 2 retrievals since June 2001.
- All products generated in near real-time and stored on FTP server.
- Providing AIRS OPTRAN forward model to NCEP
- Developed clear fov tests.
- Developed offline system to validate AIRS radiances, products and to generate retrieval coefficients and radiance bias adjustments.

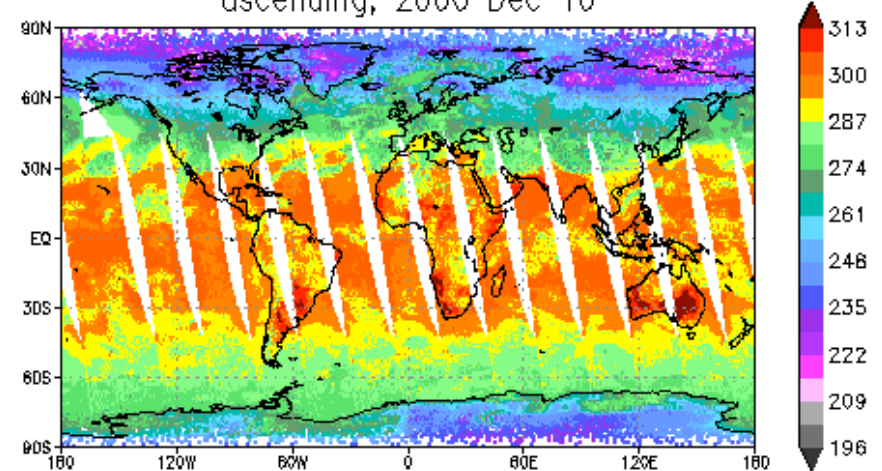
# Example of simulated AIRS window channels: LW, SW



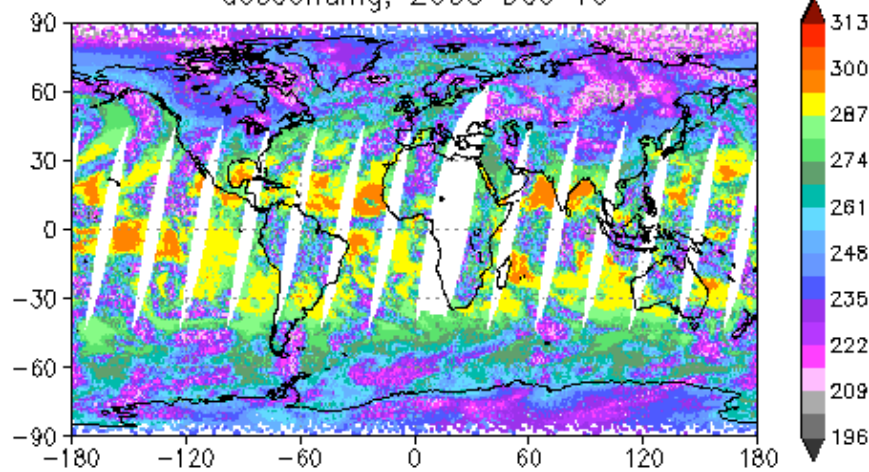
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ascending, 2000 Dec 10



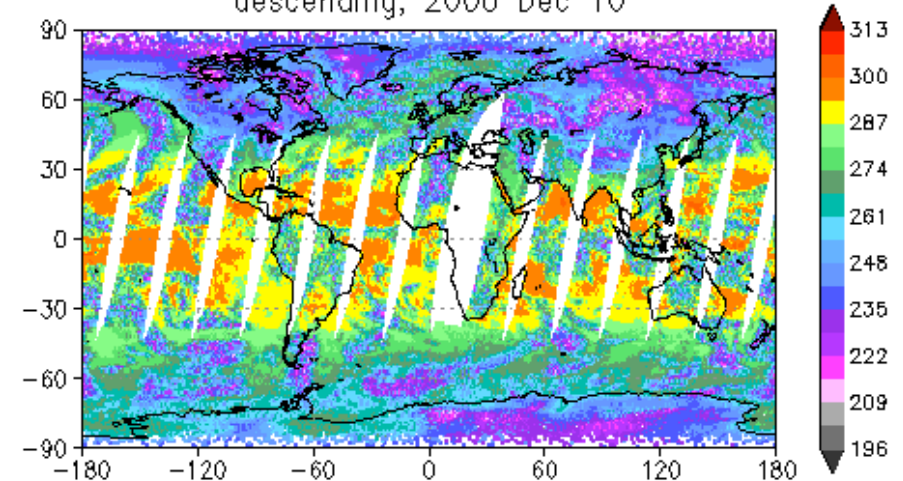
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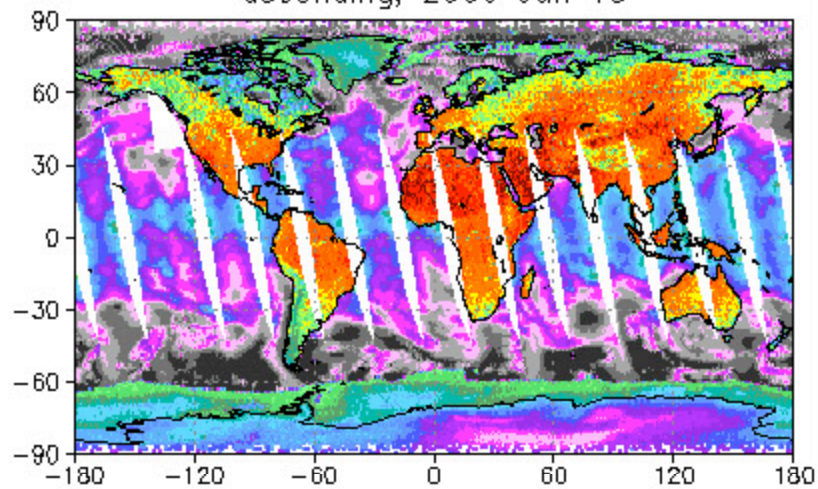
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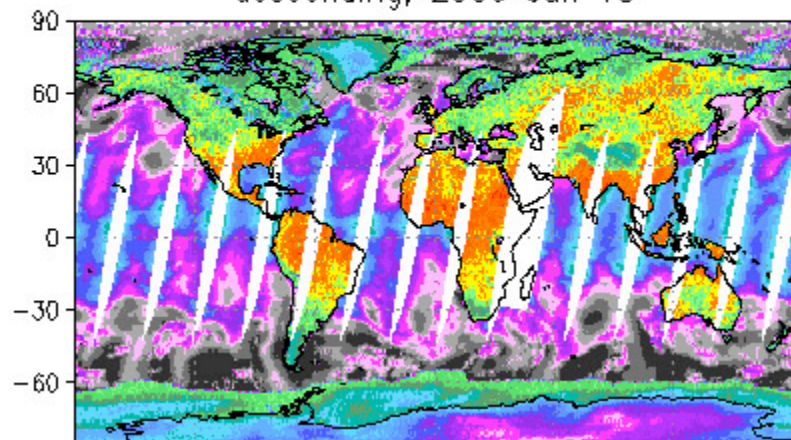


## Simulated AMSU

amsu Ch-1  
ascending, 2000 Jun 18



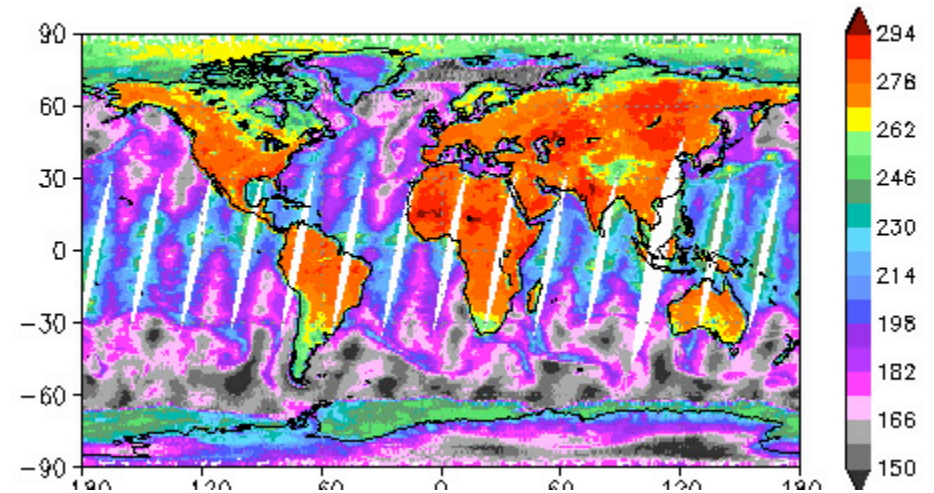
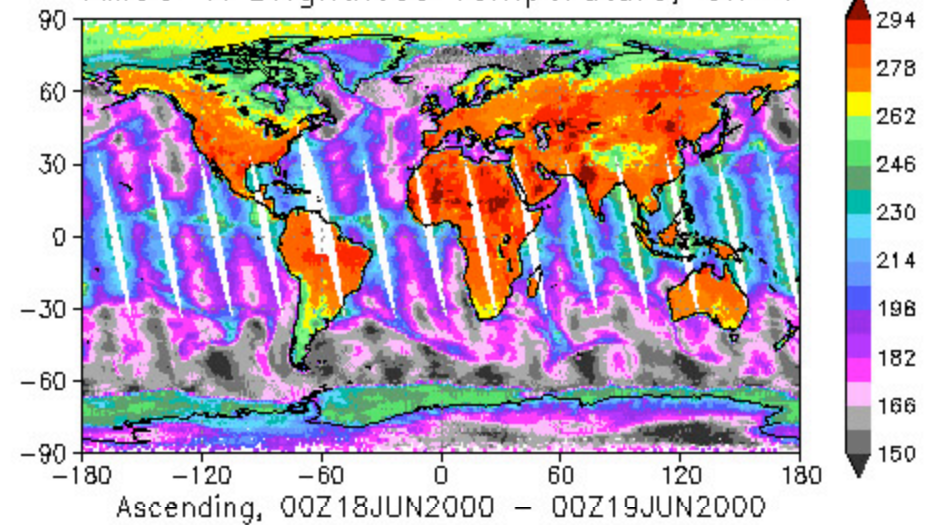
amsu Ch-1  
descending, 2000 Jun 18



## Real AMSU



AMSU-A Brightness Temperature, Ch-1





# Offline system for monitoring/validation

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- Daily Global Grids (0.5 x 2.0 resolution) of  
observed radiances (center fov)  
cloud cleared radiances  
principal component scores of above  
retrievals from level 2 support file  
NCEP and ECWMF forecasts  
clear simulated radiances from NCEP and ECMWF
- Radiosonde collocations


Key to validation of NRT products as well as generation of coefficients.

AIRS NRT System: Level 1B - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Address http://orbit35i.nesdis.noaa.gov/crad/st/airs\_near\_realtime/level1b/



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**Quick Browse**

## AIRS NRT Products Browse Page

[NRT Level1B Main Page](#)

Data available for quick browse from January 8, 2002

A. Select Year: 2002

B. Select Month: February

C. Select Day: 10

D. Select Type of Product: AIRS BT (281 principal ch.)

E. Select Channel #: 1

Submit Reset

AIRS BT (281 principal ch.)  
AMSU BT (15 ch.)  
PC Scores (first 200)

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## Welcome to AIRS NRT CC Radiance Difference Display Page

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Today is February 11, 2002. Generally data **5 days** prior to today are available for display.

**Select Year:** 2002

**Select Dataset 1:**

☐ Raw Radiance  
☐ Initial CC  
☒ Final CC  
☐ Sim CC (NCEP)  
☐ Sim CC (ECMWF)

**Select Month:** February

**Select Dataset 2:**

☐ Initial CC  
☐ Final CC  
☒ Sim CC (NCEP)  
☐ Sim CC (ECMWF)

**Select Day:** 10

**Select Channel #:** 1

[Thin AIRS ch.](#)

**Select Spatial Range:**

lonfrom: -180.0  
lonto: 180.0  
latfrom: -90.0  
latto: 90.0

**Select Min/Max Values:**

Min.: -3  
Max.: 3

**Select Plot Type:** Map

**Select a 'case':** All

**Select Surface Type:**

☒ all  
☐ land  
☐ ocean

**When to apply clear test:**

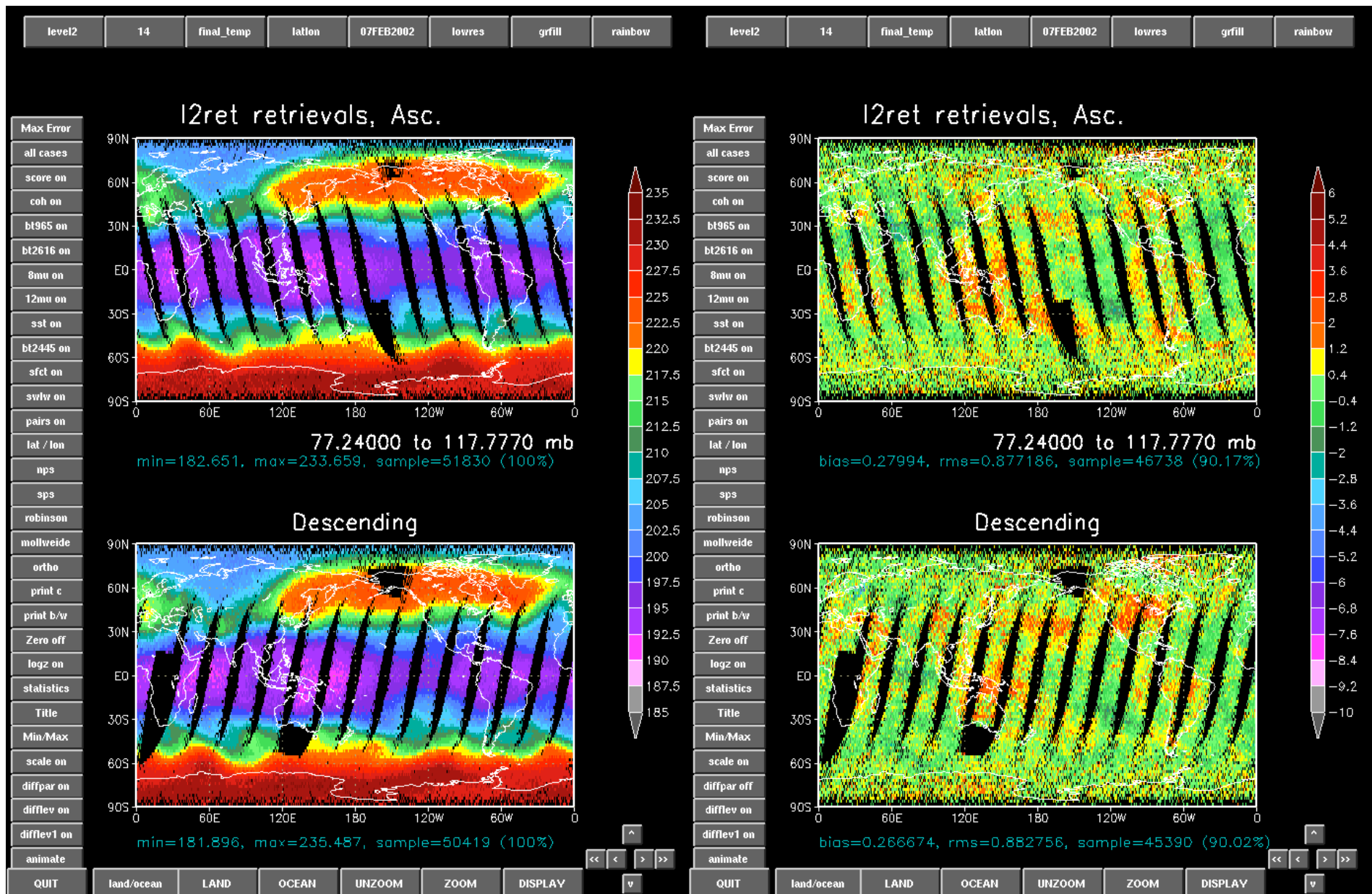
☒ day/night  
☐ day  
☐ night

**Now Select the Dataset for the clear test:** ☒ Raw Radiance ☐ Initial CC ☐ Final CC

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Ocean Test 2: <input type="text" value="999"/>	Land Test 1: <input type="text" value="999"/>	Coherence test: <input type="text" value="999"/>
Ocean Test 3: <input type="text" value="999"/>	Land Test 2: <input type="text" value="999"/>	Max. Difference: <input type="text" value="999"/>
Ocean Test 4: <input type="text" value="999"/>	Land Test 3: <input type="text" value="999"/>	FOV Clear Flag: <input type="text" value="Off"/>

[Click here to see what are the tests](#)

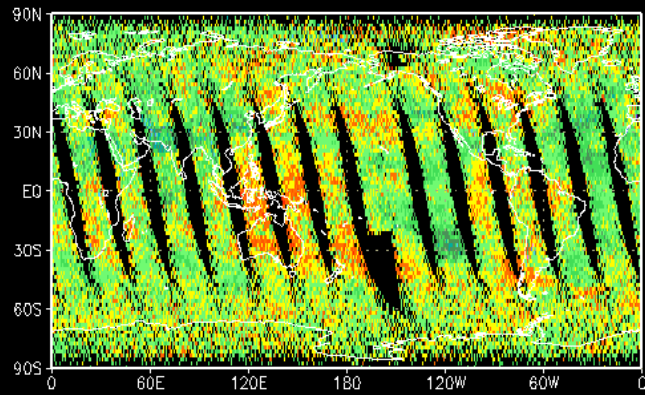
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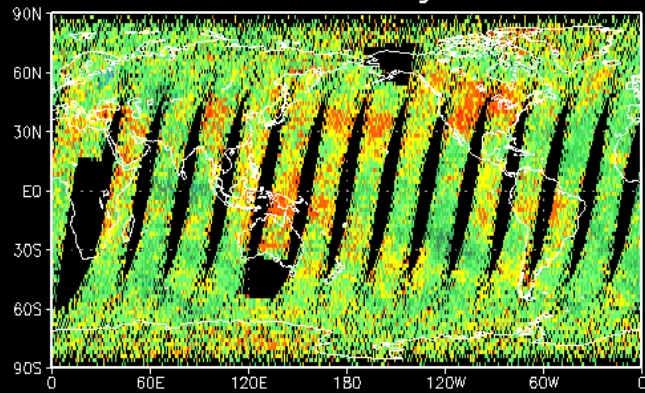
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- bt1965 on
- bt2616 on
- 8mu on
- 12mu on
- sst on
- bt2445 on
- sfct on
- swlrv on
- pairs on
- lat / lon
- nps
- sps
- robinson
- mollweide
- ortho
- print c
- print b/w
- Zero off
- logz on
- statistics
- Title
- Min/Max
- scale on
- diffpar off
- difflev on
- difflev1 on
- animate
- QUIT

## I2ret retrievals, Asc.



77.24000 to 117.7770 mb  
bias=0.27994, rms=0.877186, sample=46738 (90.17%)

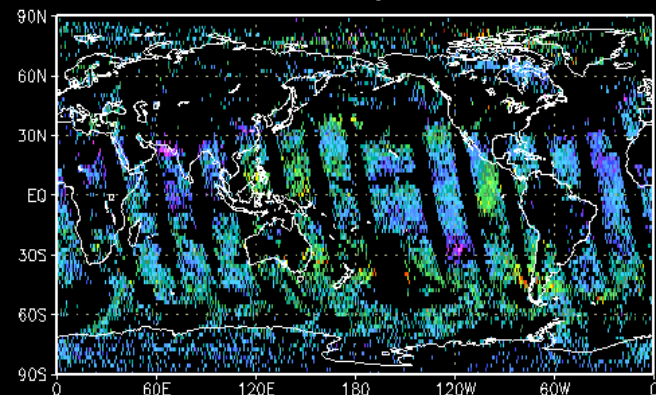
## Descending



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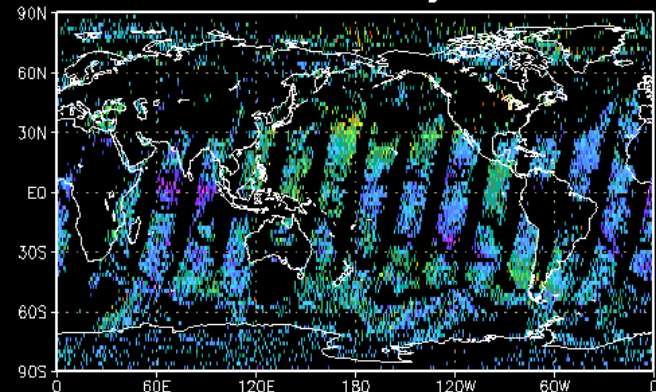
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## I2ret retrievals, Asc.



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## Descending

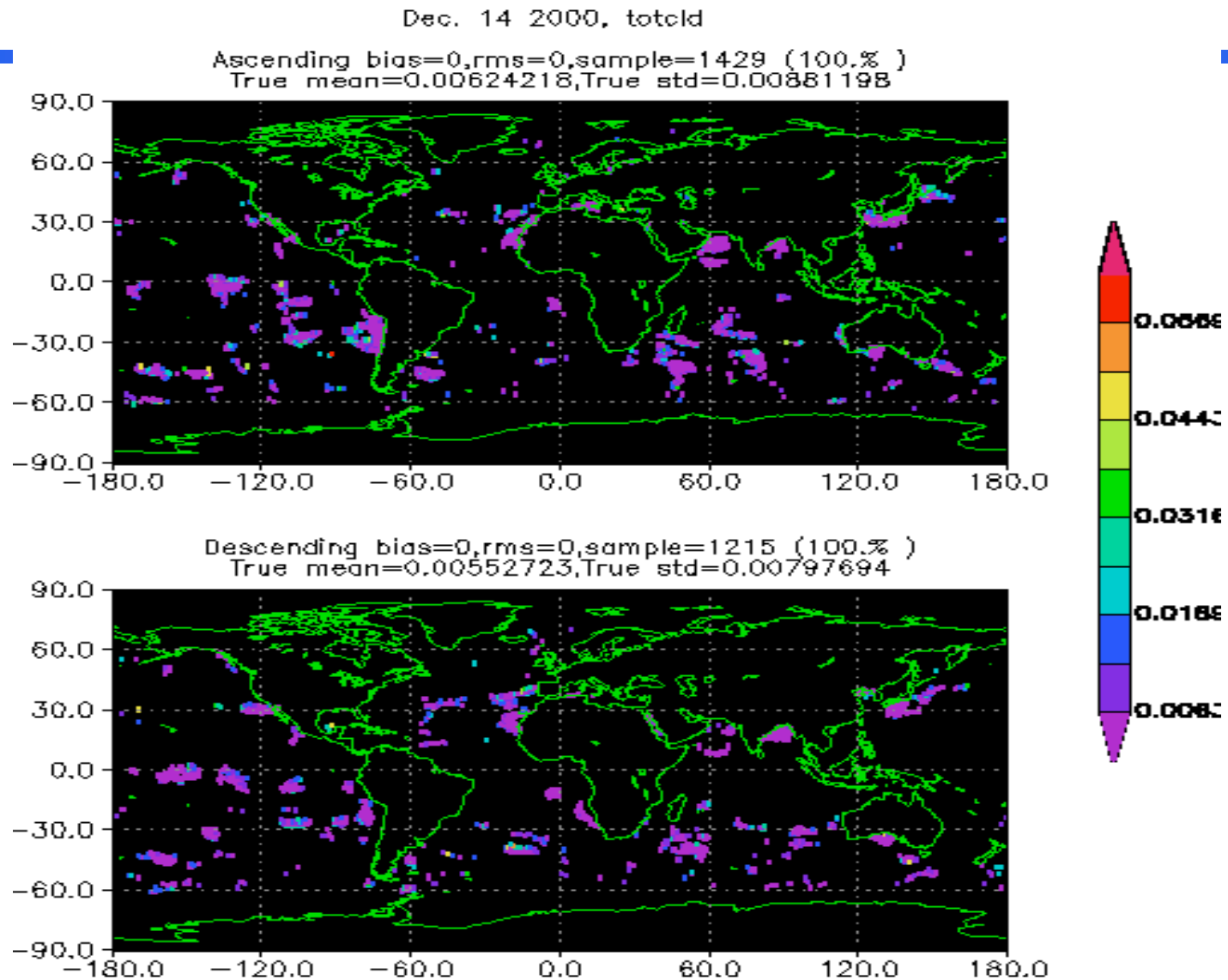


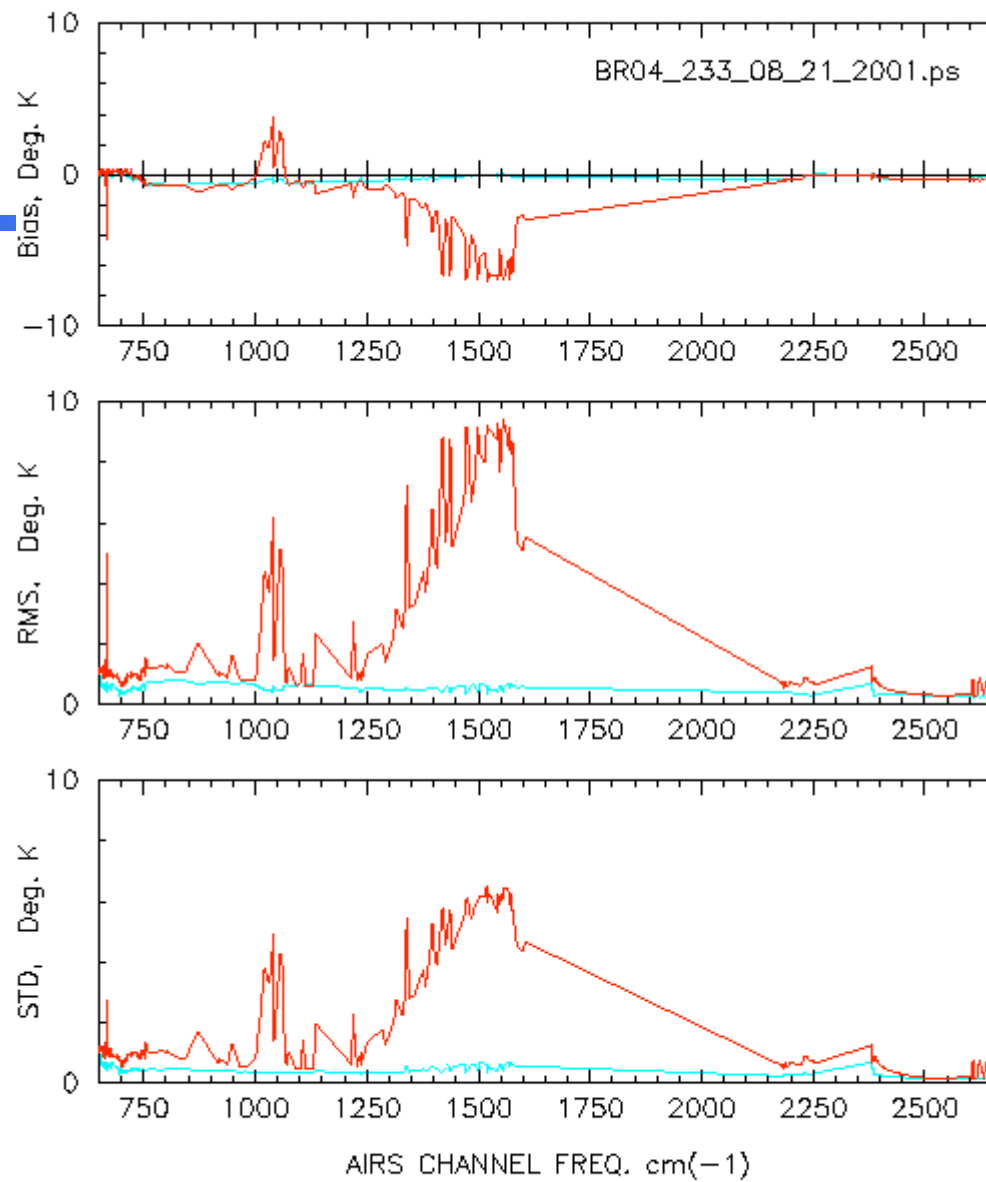
bias=0.00206804, rms=0.637768, sample=15807 (31.35%)



# Clear detection

# ONLY 0.5% residual clouds





281 CH, OBS(Grid) - Sim(MF) CLR      NSAMPLES      : 217  
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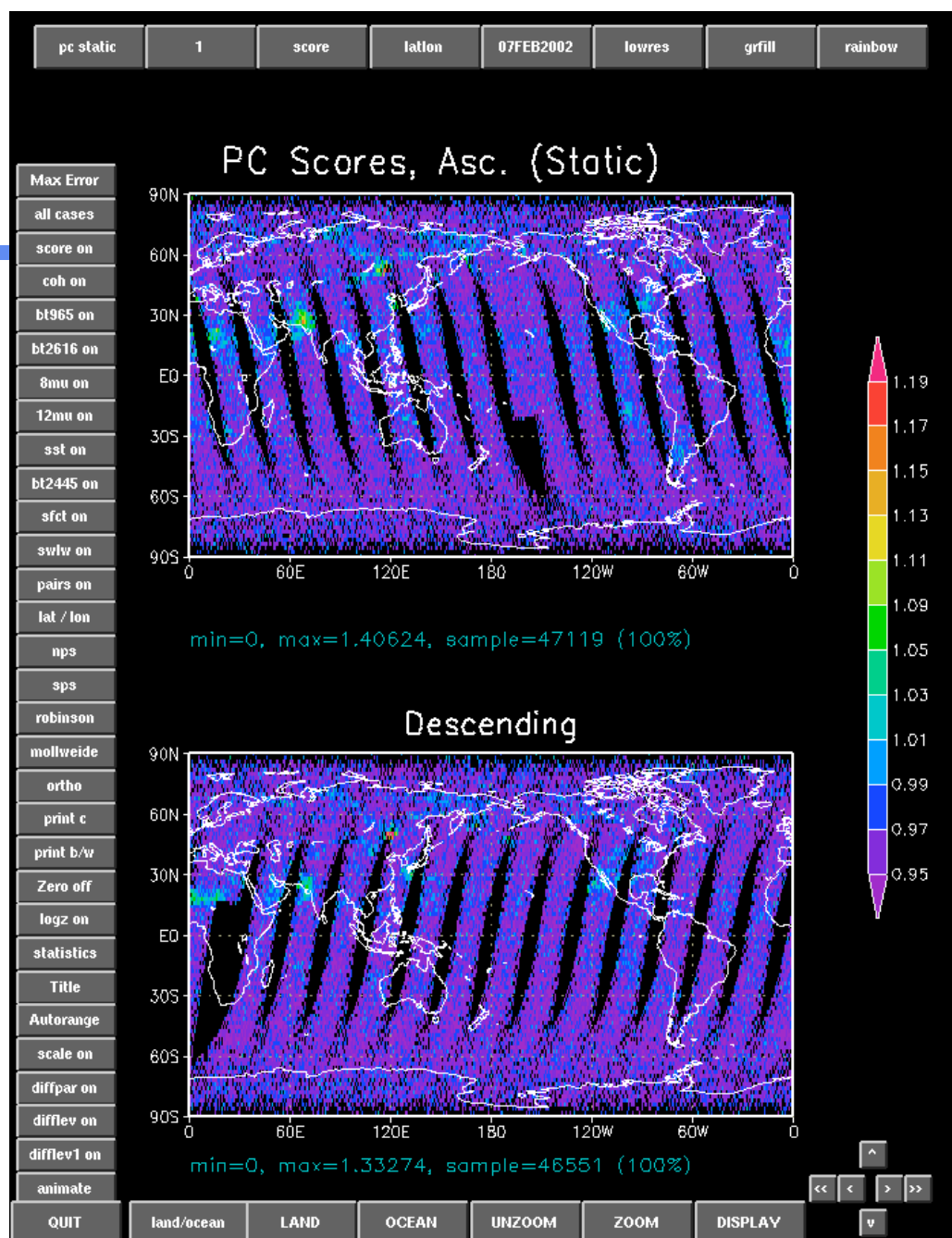
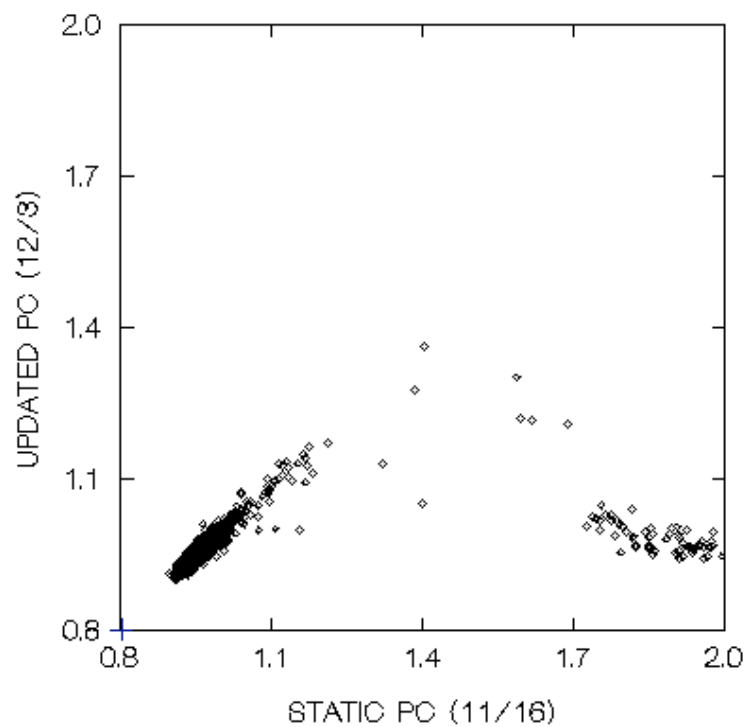
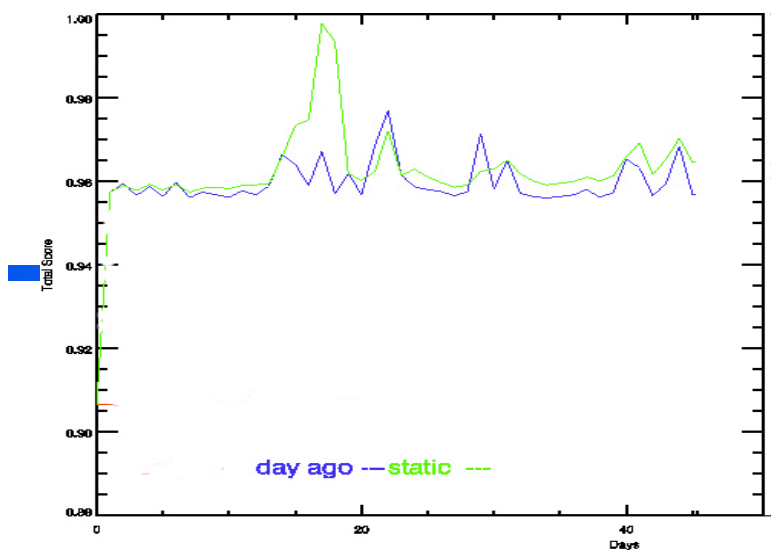
# Offline monitoring of coefficients



# Monitor

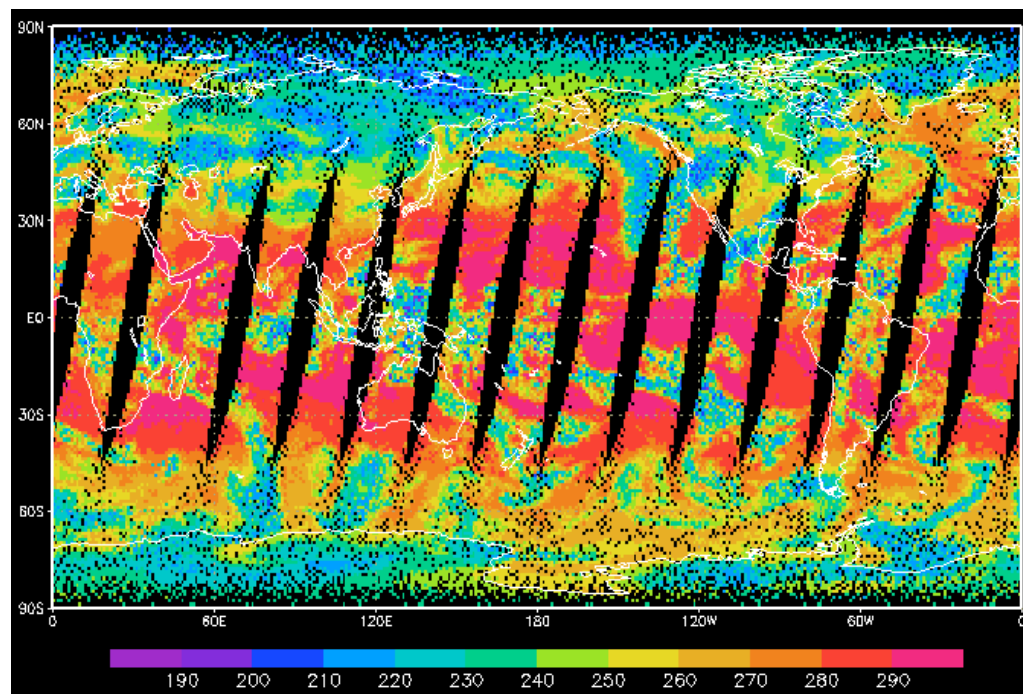
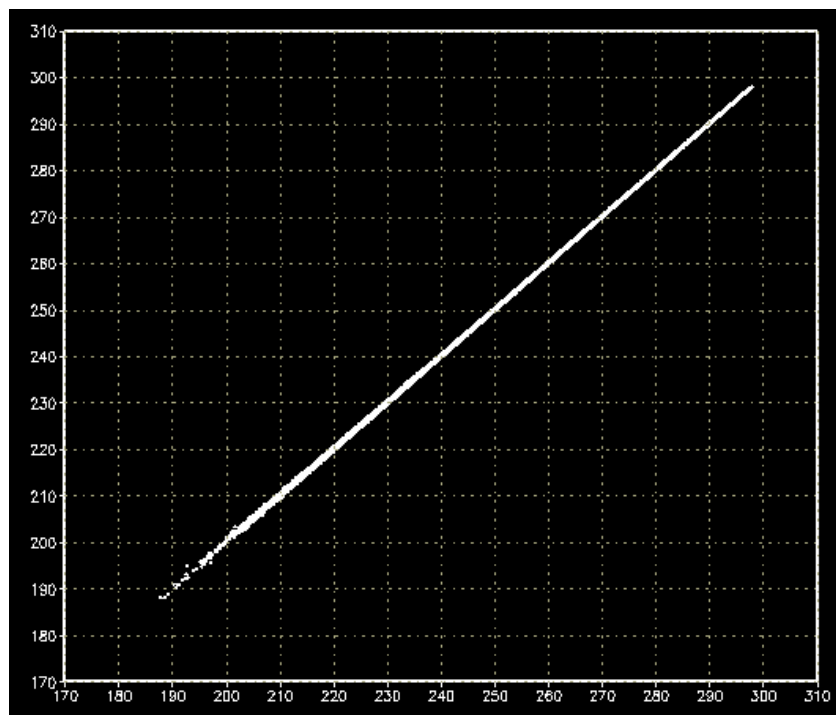
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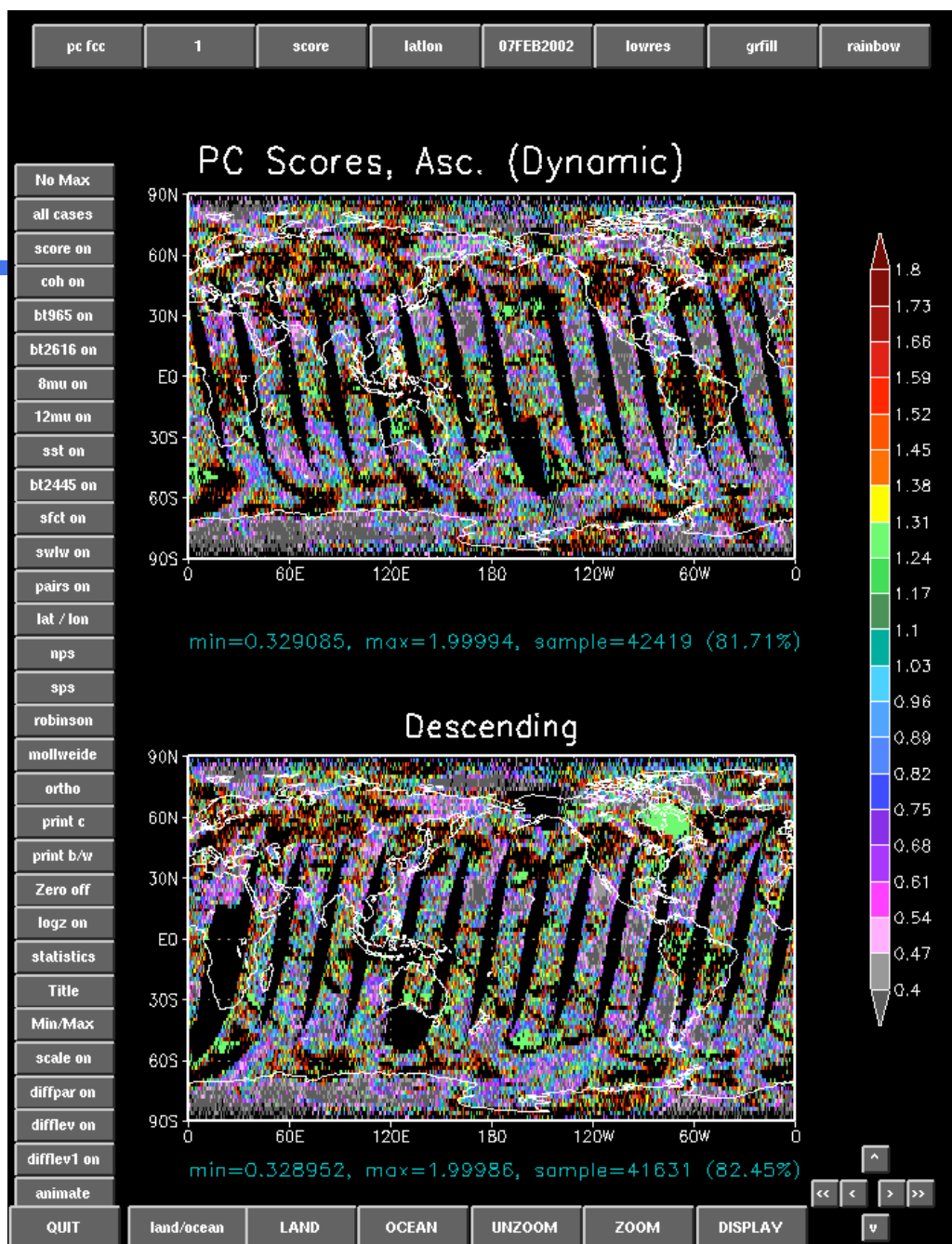
- Monitor representation of eigenvectors
- Monitor representation of regression coefficients





# 965 cm<sup>-1</sup> reconstruction







# Ready for Day 70

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- Generate eigenvectors -- examine information content
- Look at clear detection
- Generate retrieval coefficients using collocate PCS and ECMWF
- Compare regression retrievals with ECWMF (sanity check)
- Look at measured - computed



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# Walter Readiness



# Required Tasks

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- Convert RBD Data to PDS format
- Convert GBAD PDS to DAAC Level-1 code
- Set up the input PCF files for the Level-0 processing
- Run the Level-0 to Level-1B code
- Subset the Level-1B radiances/BTs and produce the deliverable BUFR files



# MOSS 6 Test

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- Received 56 Files of Rate Buffered Data for each Instrument
- The latency time for NOAA to get the RBD data is being investigated



# RBD to PDS

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- Conversion of Rate Buffered Instrument Data to PDS (Production Data Set) Format
- Conversion of Rate Buffered GBAD 1 Second data to PDS Format
- Conversion of PDS GBAD data to DAAC Level 1 Format
- Updated version of GBAD conversion code needs to be downloaded and installed

# AIRS Level 0 to Level 1B

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- Currently in the process of installing the code
- Need to automate PCF file generation
- Need to automate the Level 0 to Level 1B production



# Deliverable BUFR Files

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- The data subsetter and BUFR converter is in production - Operational Version
- 281 Channel set is being produced for the center FOV of every other golf ball
- Data missing from BUFR files: Visible, cloud tests, and quality flags



# Level 1B Matchups

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- The Level 1B Matchups are in Operations.
- Closest AIRS point to a given location within the time and distance requirements
- Quality Flags need to be added to the matchup file



# Summary

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- All the pieces are in place
- Pieces need to be put together to make an Operational System